



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21 September 2025 —Year C

To what do we entrust our lives?

In each man and woman
Is the need and desire for security.
As infants we look to parents totally for security
And as life moves on,
We may look to family, peers, friends and children
For our security,
Like rocks on which we feel we will be safe.

And we can entrust ourselves to God,
Knowing that words for God
Like Rock, Fountain of Living Water, Eternal Life,
Are foundations of our security.

Or we may place our trust in
Money or financial security,
Or prestige and honour from a job,
Or entrust our feeling of security to an over-care of the body,
And the question from the gospel of Jesus is:
To what do you entrust yourself?

We cannot place full trust at the same time
In God and wealth,
Nor in love and possessions,
Nor in a long life and trust in God.

God intends that we use created gifts
Like wealth and honour and appearance,
Friendship, love and prayer,
To bring us to him;
But if we are entrusted to them,
They may draw us away from him.

May we know the happiness of
Entrusting ourselves to God and to love,
And wanting to use all else in his service.



St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the wider Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

"St John's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledges that Child Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility."

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times

St John's: Sat Vigil, 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Our Lady's: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sun 9.30am

Parish Office Hours (Parish Office is closed on Mondays):

Tuesday-Friday 9am-3.30pm

Parish Secretary: Manuela Brambilla

Bereavement Ministry: Jenny Kearney 0413 826 468

Pastoral Care: Loredana Iacobucci 0423 313 336

Christian Meditation Group: Chris Ryan

House of Books (house next door to the Church): 9401 6306

RE for Government Schools: Trish Chaston trish.chaston@cam.org.au

Safeguarding Committee Co-ordinator: Manuela Brambilla

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

Parish Priest Fr Dispin John

Supported by Fr Michael Kelly, CSsR and Fr Maurice Cooney

St John's School

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 9874 1575

Principal: Mrs Verona Gridley

vgridley@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

St James School

51 Centre Road, Vermont, 9874 1830

Principal: Mr Dave Mutimer

principal@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au

Services:

St Vincent De Paul:

Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 9401 6366 OR VIA EMAIL MITCHAM@CAM.ORG.AU
TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE PEOPLE OR SERVICES

Parish Information & Daily Readings

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Ezra 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tue: Ezekiel 6:7-8. 12. 14-20	Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Ezekiel 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Thu: Haggai 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Haggai 1:15 – 2:9	Lk 9:18-22
Sat: Zechariah 2:5-9. 14-15	Lk 9:43-45

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6:1. 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	10am Mass SJM	

If you really want to know what angers God,
then notice how many times a prophet chastises
people for not helping the those who need help.
Injustice and trampling the needy
makes God angry.
There's no other way to interpret such words.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Dorothea O'Farrell, Kevin O'Sullivan and Sonny Jacob** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Margaret Southorn**



Tuesday Mass for healing of the sick



Prayers are offered and are followed by a **Novena of Saint Mary MacKillop**. If you know of someone who might need our special prayers or to be added to the Novena List please email the parish office mitcham@cam.org.au and leave a message for those you wish to be prayed for **by Monday afternoons**. Keeping you in our prayers. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to keep the name/s of your loved one, as we are updating the current list."

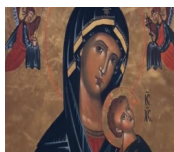
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plaques for this pastoral project may be ordered at any time for any deceased person who either was a parishioner at St John's or who was buried from St John's Church. The forms are in the Newsstands. **These forms now include the Interment of Ashes at St. John's.** The completed forms can be handed into the Parish Office.
Enquiries: Parish Office 9401 6366



September 27/28	St John's 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St John's 5.00pm
C'Tator Lectors	M Bredhauer A Livy	H De Kauwue B Mills	M Gartland L Kho	D Wates B Rudin	C Lobo
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	A Tham B Mills G Smith	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble R Jess J Curtis	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowd D Kuruppu	C Kook M Kristan
Laptop operator		J Phoa			
Children Liturgist					

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP RINGWOOD NEWS



Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 9.30am

Weekday service

6.00pm Tue: Mass and Novena
9.15am Thurs: Mass

Ringwood Parish website:

<http://pol.org.au/ringwood/Home.aspx>

Phone: 0468 589 039



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Jaxon Kai Harris, Zachary Tchea,
Lennox Noel Edwards**

*into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's*



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Kevin O'Sullivan

Tuesday 23 September at 11am (starting with Rosary)

Dorothea O'Farrell

Thursday 25 September at 11am



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's
on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.

MORNING TEA

Every Sunday after the **8.30am and 9.45am** Mass you are invited to share a cuppa and a chat in the narthex with other parishioners.



JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

When we lose a loved one, the emotions can be overwhelming, grieving can take many forms.

Our friendly and informal gathering gives an opportunity to support each other as we journey through grief and loss.

Please join us:

Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

St John's Parish Office

"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength".

2 Timothy 4:17

Gold coin donation welcome

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2025

"Come and See"

John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God"...
The disciples asked "Where do you live?"... "Come and see"; Jesus replied. Jn 1:36-39



Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **September 22** at 7.30pm. Consistent meditation is known to help calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you can benefit from meditation – even if you are new to it. Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366 - or simply turn up on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on

Friday 26 September

but the 10am Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Normal office hours will resume on

Tuesday 30 September.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP

WITH LAUNDERING THE CHURCH LINEN

We are seeking assistance with the laundering of the altar linen in the second week of each month. It is not difficult and you will be shown the current arrangements.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist.

RCIA – ST JOHN'S AND OUR LADY'S A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season.

The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 or email mitcham@cam.org.au.



FAITH FORMATION NIGHT WITH FR MAURIE COONEY



During the month of October 3 sessions on formation and faith will be held by **Fr Maurie Cooney** in the **Narthex**

Gideon (Old Testament Book of Judges)

was a believer ... and wanted GOD to be clearer about 'being present and active' in life.

This is about having a sacramental perspective on life: which is a basic characteristic of our Catholic tradition.

Let's explore that in the next in our series of 'Formation in faith.'

Monday 6th, 13th and 20th October

from 7pm till 8.30pm

plus 'wind down' and social

All are welcome!

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 1 October**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 29 September. All are welcome.





Save the date
Saturday 15th November 2025

**THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF
ST PETER CLAVER**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 18 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales for their boys' home in the Diocese of Doba, Chad, Africa. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

**SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY:
ANCHORS OF HOPE**

Sunday 21 September 2025 marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society.

Reflection question: How might we better support each other to support those doing it tough in our communities and society?

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has a new spot in the narthex and new items too. Statues, Rosary beads, rosary bracelets and pouches. Scapulars brown and green and 25 different medals, also prayer cards and holy pictures. If you are looking for a piety item we may be able to order it for you.

ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP



Did you know our cards are for sale from the Piety Stall after weekend Masses? We have a great selection of cards including Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy and Confirmation cards. Our cards are also available to purchase from the House of Books and the Parish Office. All profits from our card sales continue to benefit the work of St Vincent de Paul. Please contact us via the Parish Office if you have any queries. Thanks Monika and Card Making Team.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Live Your Best Life in Love...

**A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift
for every married couple**

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We offer 2 further weekends in 2025.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

October 3-5:

Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

October 10-12:

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwwme.org.au

GUITAR LESSONS WITH XAVIER

Xavier Wursthorn, who plays at the 9:45am Mass, is offering guitar lessons! Turning 17 soon, he has 10 years of playing experience, 1.5 years of teaching, and is currently studying VCE Music, Grade 8 AMEB and has a WWC. He teaches all styles and is super fun. You can see a sample of his content on instagram [@xavier_wursthorn](https://www.instagram.com/xavier_wursthorn) or call him on +61 404 125 745

CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$11 each.

HOUSE OF BOOKS

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.



The shop has a great range of good quality second hand books at very low prices. Proceeds support St John's and St Vincent de Paul. Phone: 9401 6306

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— SEPTEMBER—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the **Narthex**. We are currently requesting:

coffee, rice, tinned vegetables long life milk.

All Enquiries to Danny Rafferty 0437 498 877



HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's Church and will give parishioners direct access to our account. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.



Thank you for your continued support

If you would like to support our Parish via **TAP and GO** please use the terminals located in the narthex and in the church. All you need to do is to select the amount displayed and tap the terminal with your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch—your contribution will go straight into our Church account.

If you would like to **contribute to the support of our Priests** here are the Bank details:

Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account

BSB 083347

ACCT NO. 459 634 437